

The service of these men and women makes me proud to be an Oregonian. Unfortunately, oftentimes with great heroism comes great risk. Mental impairments, along with a variety of contributing factors, have led to a large concentration of homeless veterans in Oregon, totaling roughly one-third of Oregon's homeless population.

The SORCC in White City, Oregon directly focuses on the needs of the homeless, mentally ill, and substance abusers. Serving for over 56 years, the SORCC is the VA's only freestanding rehabilitation center, carefully tailored to treat debilitating problems unaddressed by standard VA medical centers and clinics. White City pays special attention to Oregon's substantial Veterans homeless population, with 75 percent of all applicants stating that they are without a home.

While about one-fourth of the Veterans living within the general proximity of the facility receive some type of care from the SORCC, its exclusivity in Veteran specialty care has attracted patients from over 35 States. Potential patients are likely persuaded not solely by the specialized treatment and expertise of the staff, but because of the time invested in each patient's recovery. White City offers a variety of community activities which expedite patient development and growth, while forming valuable relationships with staffers. Perhaps most impressive of all, the SORCC retains consistently high outpatient scores between 80 and 90 percent.

Referred to by many as "The Dom," in reference to its history and present role as a domiciliary, the SORCC is an important facility for Oregon veterans who need treatment outside of the home. Just over two years ago, the VA considered closing the White City facility. I was strongly against the potential closure and worked to ensure that its doors remained opened to our Nation's veterans. After careful deliberation, the Department of Veterans Affairs concluded that its success in treating difficult addiction cases is unheralded, and immediately implemented plans to repair and expand the existing facility.

The SORCC continues to operate and serve Oregon's veterans with high levels of professionalism and success. The population served by White City continues to expand, including more than 120 returning veterans from the global war on terrorism. I am privileged today to offer my congratulations to the SORCC. Their continued commitment to safety, compassion, and growth will serve as a model for VA organizations nationwide.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT COOK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Cook of Central High School in Rapid City, SD. Robert was named the 2006 Teacher of the Year by the National Indian Education Association.

As the English and social studies teacher at Central High School, Robert has played an integral and unique role in furthering the education of South Dakota's students. His initiative, expertise, and kind heart, has created an exceptional learning environment at Central High School. His selfless dedication to educating students for 17 years is truly commendable. I am proud to have such a fine teacher influencing our State's future leaders.

Robert is a graduate of Black Hills State University and he resides in Rapid City. Today I rise with Robert Cook's friends, family, and colleagues in honoring his selfless dedication and service to South Dakota's students.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 21, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 101. An act to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation.

S. 4001. An act to designate certain land in New England as wilderness for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation system and certain land as a National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2383. An act to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant".

H.R. 3817. An act to withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4000. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4559. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land

to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5061. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and Wytheville National Fish Hatchery to the State of Virginia.

H.R. 5103. An act to provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5585. An act to improve the netting process for financial contracts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5690. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

H.R. 6121. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS) during the adjournment of the Senate on November 28, 2006.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 4, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3699. An act to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4377. An act to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS)

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 4048. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4080. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to settlement agreements reached with respect to litigation involving certain secondary transmissions of superstations and network stations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-9062. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Addition of Areas in Virginia" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0171) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9063. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Add a Portion of San Bernardino County, CA, to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0151) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9064. A communication from the Under Secretary (Rural Development), Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program Regulation to Implement the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996" (RIN0570-AA54) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9065. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Namibia with Regard to Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Rinderpest" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0037) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9066. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Shelled Garden Peas from Kenya" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0073) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9067. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0149) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9068. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Pesticides to Waters of the United States in Compliance with FIFRA" (RIN2040-AE79)(FRL No. 8248-1) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9069. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diflufenzuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8103-8) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9070. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 05-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 05-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9072. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 04-06; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9073. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 05-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9074. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 05-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9075. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act by the Administration; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9076. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Terrorist Country" (DFARS Case 2006-D034) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9077. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Acquisition Procedures" (DFARS Case 2005-D012) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9078. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PAN Carbon Fiber—Deletion of Obsolete Restriction" (DFARS Case 2006-D033) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9079. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Combating Trafficking in Persons" (DFARS Case 2004-D017) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9080. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the Department's acceptance of contributions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9081. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to fund Foreign Comparative Testing projects during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9082. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Charles L. Munns, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9083. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9084. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment Dividends" (RIN3064-AD07) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9085. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "One-Time Assessment Credit" (RIN3064-AD08) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9086. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60919) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9087. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60871) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9088. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60866) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9089. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60869) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9090. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60870) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9091. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60917) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9092. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60884) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9093. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9094. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (71 FR 60864) received on November 17, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9095. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New PURPA 210(m) Regulations Applicable to Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities" (Docket No. RM06-10-000) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9096. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Implementing the Regulatory Policy Act of 2005: Coordinating the Processing of Federal Authorizations for Applications under Sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Maintaining a Complete Consolidated Record" (Docket No. RM06-1-000) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9097. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments: Transfer of Office Functions and Removal of Obsolete Regulations" (RIN1901-AB22) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9098. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Source Tracking of Sealed Sources" (RIN3150-AH48) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9099. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Early Action Compact Areas" ((RIN2060-AN90)(FRL No. 8249-4)) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9100. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Site Remediation" ((RIN2060-AM30)(FRL No. 8249-3)) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9101. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Reid Vapor Pressure Requirements for Gasoline" (FRL No. 8248-3) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9102. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Removal of Douglas County Transportation Control Measure" (FRL No. 8248-9) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9103. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section

112(1), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asbestos Management and Control; State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services" (FRL No. 8238-1) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9104. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Notification; Change to Reporting Requirements; Technical Correction" ((RIN2070-AJ01)(FRL No. 8104-9)) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9105. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Baton Rouge Ozone Nonattainment Area Vehicle Miles Traveled Offset Analysis" (FRL No. 8244-6) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9106. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company" (FRL No. 8246-2) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9107. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Bernalillo County, New Mexico" (FRL No. 8246-9) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9108. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units" ((RIN2060-AN95)(FRL No. 8246-8)) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9109. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draft Grant Guidelines for States Regarding: Inspection Provision and State Compliance Report on the Government Underground Storage Tanks Provision; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005" (FRL No. 8245-1) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9110. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Containment Grant Guidelines for States; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005" (FRL No. 8245-2) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9111. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration

and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency, received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9112. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's commercial and inherently governmental activities inventories for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9113. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to implementing the BEACH Act of 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9114. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2006-104) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9115. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Increasing Research Activities" ((RIN1545-BD60)(TD 9296)) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9116. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Excess Per Diem Allowances" (Notice 2006-56) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9117. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residence Rules Involving U.S. Possessions" ((RIN1545-BG02)(TD 9297)) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9118. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of Disability and Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Part B Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount" (RIN0960-AG11) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9119. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for History and Physical Examinations; Authentications of Verbal Orders; Securing Medications and Postanesthesia Evaluations" (RIN0938-AM88) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—September 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-59) received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debit Cards Used

to Provide Qualified Transportation Fringes Described Under Section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code" (Rev. Rul. 2006-57) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-61) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Annual Covered Compensation Tables" (Rev. Rul. 2006-60) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Tier 2 Tax Rates for 2007" received on November 16, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Requesting Competent Authority Assistance Under Tax Treaties" (Rev. Rul. 2006-54) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9126. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security and Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documents Required for Travelers Departing From or Arriving in the United States at Air Ports-of-Entry from within the Western Hemisphere" ((RIN1651-AA66)(RIN1400-AC10)) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9127. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Bolivia" (RIN1505-AB74) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9128. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Rights" (RIN0938-A041) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9129. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phase-In of Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans Disability Compensation for Certain Military Retirees" (RIN2900-AM13) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9130. A communication from the Associate Chief Counsel for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Importation of Supplies for Use in Emergency Relief Work" (RIN0625-A71) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9131. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of

Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife: Sea Turtle Conservation" (RIN0648-AS92) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9132. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Hook-and-line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 101906D) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9133. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Closure (Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1A, Period 2)" (ID No. 101706A) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9134. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs during fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9135. A communication from the Director, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium" (RIN1218-AB45) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9136. A communication from the Director, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updating National Consensus Standards in OSHA's Standard for Fire Protection in Shipyard Employment" (RIN1218-AC16) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9137. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9138. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9139. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Federal Student Aid Programs" (RIN1840-AC87) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9140. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Student Assistance General Provisions; Federal Pell Grant Program; Academic Competitiveness Grant Program; and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant Program" (RIN1840-AC86) received on November

27, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9141. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the seventh annual report for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9142. A communication from the Secretary to the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's Strategic Plan for 2006-2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9143. A communication from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Description of Duties of the General Counsel" (Release No. 34-53755) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-9144. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction of Two Anabolic Steroid Names" (RIN1117-AB02) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9145. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Sodium Permanganate as a List II Chemical" (RIN1117-AA90) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9146. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Exempt Anabolic Steroid Products" (RIN1117-AA98) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9147. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9148. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-13" (FAC 2005-13) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9149. A communication from the President, U.S. African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Foundation's activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9150. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Inventories of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9151. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9152. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability

Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9153. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solicitation of Federal Civilian and Uniformed Service Personnel for Contributions to Private Voluntary Organizations" (RIN3206-AL05) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9154. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allotments from Federal Employees" (RIN3206-AJ88) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9155. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for Peace Corps Volunteers" (RIN3203-AK90) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9156. A communication from the Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9157. A communication from the Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9158. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9159. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Inspector General's semiannual report for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9160. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9161. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9162. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9163. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a joint proposal to consolidate the clerks offices of the District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9164. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of activities during the year ending December 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM—443. A resolution adopted by the Chicago City Council relative to the United Nations' Responsibility to Protect; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1531. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls (Rept. No. 109-362).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2322. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly (Rept. No. 109-363).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 3569, a bill to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement (Rept. No. 109-364).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

H.R. 3675. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving unfair or deceptive acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Margaret A. Ryan, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Scott Wallace Stucky, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Army nomination of Col. Thomas J. Sellars to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Donald C. Leins to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Robert T. Bray and ending with Colonel Tony N. Wingo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Navy nomination of Adm. Robert F. Willard to be Admiral.

Robert M. Gates, of Texas, to be Secretary of Defense.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report

favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Jeffrey C. Carstens to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Stephen R. Geringer to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Paul M. Roberts to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Nevanna I. Koicheff and ending with Perlita K. Tam, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2006.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jerzy J. Chachaj and ending with Greg Gordon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2006.

Air Force nominations beginning with Norman B. Dimond and ending with Mark A. Deaton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2006.

Army nomination of Willie G. Barnes to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Daniel P. Mc Lemoire to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Josef R. Smith and ending with Michael D. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Robert M. Blackmon and ending with Bradley M. Voorhees, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Nicholas C. Bakris and ending with Andrew D. Magnet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with David E. Green and ending with Martin L. Ladwig, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Moon H. Lee and ending with Phillip C. Zinni, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Terrell W. Blanchard and ending with Robert L. Vogelsang III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nomination of Victoria L. Smith to be Major.

Army nomination of Ira S. Derrick to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph W. Brown to be Major.

Army nomination of Rebecca L. Blankenship to be Major.

Army nomination of Mark M. Kuba to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Craig H. Rhyne, Jr. to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Lorraine T. Breen and ending with Thomas G. Sutlive, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 13, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Debra L. Cohen and ending with Kyle J. Zablocki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2006.